(b) if so, what are the details of the loss of forest areas therein ; and

(c) what action Government propose to take for the afforestation of such coal mining areas in Madhya Pradesh ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) Approvals for diversion of 3504,885 hac. forest land in Shahdol, Sarguja and Sidhi Districts in Madhya Pradesh for Coal Mining have been accorded by the Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 since its enactment upto 30-6-1992. Approvals for diversion of forest land have been accorded after considering all the relevant aspects including likely effect of mining on flora and fauna.

(c) While according approvals for diversion of forest land, compensatory Afforestation over 4904,130 hac has been stipulated.

Encroachments on the forest land

2071. SHRI KAILASH NARAIN SARANG : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have indicated in its circular issued through its letter dated 18th Sep tember, 1990 that encroachments made on the forest lands upto 24th October, 1980 may be regularised and encroachments made after that date cannot be regularised ;

(b) whether proposals in this regard have been sent by Madhya Pradesh Government for taking policy decisions for regularisation of encroachments made upto 24th October, 1980 ;

(c) whether Government of India denying its circular dated 18th September, 1990, is considering not to grant permission in such cases ; and

(d) whether Government in the interest of tribals would reconsider to grant permission for regularisation of encroachment made on forest lands upto the 24th October, 1980; and if so, by when ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) to (d) Detailed Guidelines have been issued regarding regularisation of encroachments on forest land. The proposals received from Madhya Pradesh State Government in this regard have been examined and in conformity with these Guidelines, approvals for diversion of 1-03,873. 658 ha forest land for regularisation of encroachments in favour of eligible encroachers have already been accorded under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

वन्य जीव संरक्षण अधिनियम में संशोधन

2072. श्री कैलाश नारायण सारंग : क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या 2 अक्तूबर, 1991 से वन्यजीव संरक्षण अधिनियम, 1972 में कोई संशोधन किए गए हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या ये संशोधन मध्य प्रदेश राज्य पर भी लागू होंगे ;

(ग) सरकार द्वारा, उक्त अधिनियम के प्रवृत्त होने के बाद क्षतिपूर्ति के रूप में मध्य प्रदेश के आदिवासियों/किसानों को दिये जा रहे वन उत्पादों की संभावित कमी को पूरा करने के लिए क्या व्यवस्था की जा रही है ; और

(घ) वृक्षों की कटाई से संबंधित कार्य बंद हो जाने और अभ्यारण्य क्षेत्र में विभिन्न छोटे-छोटे वन- उत्पादों का संग्रह करने पर रोक लगा दिए जाने के कारण लगभग 3 करोड़ श्रम दिवसों के रोजगार की